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MARRIAGES.

On the 5th March, at St. John's Cathedral, at 4 p.m., by the Rev. F. T. Johnson, M.A., GEORGE JACKSON, to SAM TURENBY NEELY, of Paris, Kentucky, U.S.A.
 On the 12th November, at Victoria, B.C., ALEX. SEWART ANTON, of Hongkong, to LILIAN MANNING, youngest daughter of B. J. HANFORD, of San Francisco, U.S.A.
 On the 15th February, at Newchwang, by the Rev. Jas. Carson, the Rev. WILLIAM MACHAUGHTAN, M.A., U. F. Mission, Linoyang, to ISABEL M. PHILIP, B.A., I. F. Mission, Moukden.
 DEATHS.
 On the 20th January, at Croydon, G. M. LIND, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, aged 60 years.
 At No. 6, Dent Lane, Shanghai, JOSE CRIBILO D'AGUIRO, aged 50 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEUX ROAD, C.C.
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HONGKONG, 8TH MARCH, 1904

Honesty and a scrupulous adherence to promises once made, even if a momentary loss be the seeming result, constitute with nations, as with individuals, the wisest and most economical policy in the long run. With Russia both have been conspicuously absent, and though in diplomacy it has not been considered good form to draw the attention of the other Government to sins against the ninth commandment, there has been a general feeling that the time was not far distant when Russia would begin to feel in her own person the ill effects of her recent policy of bad faith. To the outsider it seemed strange that any nation gifted with a particle of self-respect should have permitted itself to be made the mouthpiece for such astounding falsehoods as Russia has thought it compatible with her dignity recently to give utterance to. We may instance the continual and perfectly gratuitous lies about the evacuation of Manchuria. Three times in the most solemn manner did Russia engage herself to the world at large to leave Manchuria on a specific date; three times did she, in the face of these engagements, make no scruple to remain, as if nothing had happened that the most fastidious

could take exception to. Three times, too, the other nations of the world looked on with the most supreme indifference; as if lying were so much the custom with each and all that all, like the crowd in the parable, shrank from being the first to throw a stone at her. We have been led into this train of thought by a recent utterance of Lord Lansdowne in the House of Lords. Russia, in the very act of making her last silly brag that, if England persevered in her advance in Tibet, she would "make it hot" for her, was caught out by Japan in Russia's own stronghold, and made to display before the world how false had been all her boasts and how little her tall talk coincided with her internal rottenness. Never had been a more complete exposure of a system of deliberate deception and falsehood, and the rest of the nations were fairly laughing in their sleeves at the curious contrast between Russia, as she had seemed only the week before, and Russia as she was exhibited in her naked unloveliness at the moment. It might have been expected that under the conditions Lord Lansdowne, if he condescended to make any reply whatever, would have replied to the effect that if the British Commissioner found any emissary of Russia at Lhasa engaged in any secret intrigue, he had instructions to act summarily, in accordance with international laws. Instead of this we find our Foreign Office through the force of offering to enter into an arrangement with Russia, actually condoning the insult, and implicitly acknowledging that Russia had some business to be there at all. It is not indeed going too far to say that these foolish and uncalled-for attempts to arrest the progress of Russia have never had but one effect; and that is, in convincing her that we have been actuated in all by but one motive—and that is a craven fear that after all the vapourings of Russia are something to be afraid of.

Far better, and in the long run more dignified, if we had plucked up heart of grace, even at the risk of being hard hit, and not left it for Japan to boast that of all the nations she was the first, and unassisted, to prick the overblown bubble that had carried consternation through the whole civilised world. In private life we naturally refuse to hold intercourse with a man who habitually disregards his word. It is, of course, impossible to carry the principle into action between States, which are far too few in number to permit us to pick and choose. There is not, however, any occasion to make agreements with such a State, which, while binding on the one side, on the other are looked upon as merely momentary conveniences to be kept or broken as may at the instant seem to offer the greater advantage commercial or political. The nation that conscientiously fulfils its engagement is here at a serious disadvantage when it undertakes to enter into negotiations. In addition to her propensity, too, for repudiation Russia has another equally bad custom of interpreting all agreements according to her own point of view. A characteristic example of this has recently been enacted at Shanghai, where, in spite of an agreement for respecting the neutrality of China, Russia has been keeping in Chinese waters an armed cruiser with a full crew, and refused to give any engagement that she will not be used for the purpose of levying war till the Japanese, tired with continual protests and promises, threatened to come up the river and sink her as she lay in front of the Foreign Settlements. With the same breath, apparently unable to distinguish the incompatibility of her actions with her professions, she complained of Japan having sent to Woosung a cruiser to watch her operations. It is very evident, and should be perfectly clear to our Foreign Office, that in such a case any arrangement which binds the one party, while it practically leaves the other unfettered, only multiplies the points of friction; and so far from tending to promote friendly relations, only aggravates the present incompatibilities. In cases like the present, where the incompatibility of the views of the two nations is so great, it may very well be a moot point whether the force of diplomatic relations had not better be abandoned between London and St. Petersburg. A means of communication which only leads to such insulting passages as have recently marked our intercourse cannot in any way have a tendency to make for peace or for a better understanding. Our way would actually be clearer, and our capacity for setting to rights difficulties easier, were all our business with St. Petersburg to be conducted through a consular agent. In such a case we should perfectly comprehend the position in each case, which under our present system seems to be an impossibility. At all events,

the time has come for dropping diplomatic speech, and reverting to such plain language that Russia cannot plead any misunderstanding of its intent. To clothe our thought in periphrastic language, is in such cases unkind both to Russia and ourselves, inasmuch as it leaves the gate open to further talk and so proportionately increases the friction of a badly geared intercourse.

The first steamer of the season reached Tientsin Band on the morning of the 1st inst. She was the Hamburg-America liner *s.s. Tintau*.

The following appointment has been made at the Admiralty:—Lieutenant: R. T. Dowd, to the *Tamar*, for the *Fame*, temporary, to date October 28th, 1903.

Mr. John Goodnow, U. S. Consul-General at Shanghai, accompanied by his wife, arrived in the Northern port on the 1st inst. and has resumed his duties.

Over a dozen well-known war correspondents for English and American papers left Tokyo at the beginning of March, in despair of being able to get any independent news or to go to the front.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 6th March, were 231 non-Chinese and 97 Chinese to the former and 65 non-Chinese and 3,319 Chinese to the latter institution.

The German Legation in Peking has received an official Russian communication according to which there is no more mail for German Post Offices anywhere in Manchuria. All mail matter has been forwarded either via Yinkow, Chingwangtao, or Port Arthur, where it was received by the *Hansa*.

At a great patriotic demonstration at Warsaw, Poland, last month a well-known patriot—Count Dembsky—suddenly became demented, firing upon the assembly, killing three and wounding twenty other persons. He then attempted to commit suicide, but was seized by the police.

The N.Y.K. is resuming its service of mails between Japan and Shanghai, starting with the *Yasuda Maru*, formerly in the Australian service, which was expected to arrive from Yokohama last Wednesday morning with Japanese mails. She was to leave again on Saturday morning.

On the 1st inst. the Japanese general elections passed off quietly. An extraordinary session of the Diet is convened for the 18th inst., to last ten days. It is expected that all taxes are to be raised more or less. Taxes on salt and on silk are also proposed, but this is not yet decided. The Customs tariff remains untouched.

It is announced from Algiers that the French destroyers *Mouquet*, *Fronde*, *Jaqueline*, and *Pistolet*, escorted by the cruiser *D'Assas*, have left for Saigon. The *D'Assas* is a second-class cruiser of 4,000 tons' displacement, 9,500 indicated horse-power, 31 guns, and 19.25 knots' speed, completed at St. Nazaire in 1893.

Statements have again been made recently that the Sultan of Johore is negotiating with the British Government with a view of placing his dominions under their control, receiving in return a large annuity. These rumours have gained currency in the Straits and India, but there is no corroboration of the rumour at home.

There has been issued from the Statistical Department of the Customs at Shanghai a copy of the *Customs Gazette* for the fourth quarter of last year. The comparative statement of the total amount of duties and duties collected during the quarter in 1903 and 1902 is as under, in Haikwan taels:—

	1903.	1902.
Chinese ports	7,899,888	8,177,894
Kowloon and Lappa ..	136,600	157,114
Lungchow, Mengtze, Sze-mao, and Tientsin ..	66,400	57,614
Total	8,152,897	8,392,652

The Hongkong correspondent of the *Pinang Gazette* says:—The Acting Governor, H. E. Mr. May, has been appearing at a great many public functions of late and has been earning a popularity generally that rather discounts the somewhat hostile Press notices that appeared in the Coast papers at the time when he was appointed to the post of Colonial Secretary. He has made excellent appearances at various functions, and has gained universal approbation thereby. Mrs. May has made herself equally popular by her charming manner, and, indeed, it may be said that never has there been a more pleasant gubernatorial party than that which at present occupies Government House.

Mr. E. W. Birch, C.M.G., having arrived in London from Borneo, made a brief statement as to the circumstances of his resignation of the Governorship of British North Borneo. The company at present declines to make any statement. Mr. Birch's voyage home was quite an exciting one. He travelled by the Nippon liner *Bingo Maru*, which was the last Japanese steamer to get through to the Mediterranean, the one following being recalled. "At Colombo," he said, "it was not known whether it would be safe to proceed to Port Said, and at the latter port we were told that war was imminent, and that we had six days to run to Marseilles. Accordingly the colour of the ship's funnel was altered, her name was changed, and the British flag was hoisted. Crete was passed at night, the ship carrying no lights whatever. The two Japanese cruisers passed quite close at night."

H.M. gun vessel *Linnet*, which has been unemployed at Sheerness since her return from the Far East, has been condemned as unfit for further service, to be sold out of the Royal Navy.

The Austrian Government having decided to appoint a military attaché to the Austrian Legation at Tokyo, has nominated Captain Count Egon Melis Colliredo-Manafeld to the post. He was to leave for Tokyo at the end of February.

The Japanese steamer *Wakosa Maru*, which arrived at Colombo on the 10th ult. on her way to Japan, and which was delayed in harbour owing to the outbreak of war, left on the 20th for Durban, where she will discharge her cargo, and then proceed to Cardiff, round the Cape, to take coals to Japan.

The arrangements for German men-of-war on the Yangtze are that small cruisers and gunboats will patrol the stretch of the Yangtze from its mouth to Hankow, the gunboat *Forwards* will steam between Hankow and Ichang, while the *Vaterland* will do duty on the stretch from Ichang to Changking.

We have received from Mr. Immanuel Pfaff a copy of the *Boston Evening News* of January 19, in which appears a short account of that somewhat eccentric character, George Francis Train, whose death, with an obituary, we published some weeks ago. The paper also contains a more or less decipherable "portrait" of Mr. Train.

Lord Henry Thynne, whose death occurred a few weeks ago, travelled in the Far East, spending some time in Hongkong (he was here last in 1900), Shanghai, and Japan, where he left many friends who had appreciated his geniality. Simultaneously with the interment of the deceased at Finsdon, a memorial service was held at St. Michael's Church, Chester Square, London.

The *L. & C. Express* says:—Two years ago on 30th January the Anglo-Japanese Treaty was signed. "Do we regret it?" asks one paper. Seeing all that it yet portends—the integrity of China and the open door—we should say no. It is a curious reflection, however, that its signature was hailed as a great harbinger of peace in the Far East. Two years after, peace is at breaking strain, and yet it is the powerful instrument that will probably prevent an even greater blaze than that which at the moment seems about to break out. By confining the issue to two belligerents and preventing such a coalition as was brought against Japan in 1895, it will have achieved much.

Manila does not have the monopoly of imaginative war news. In an Australian paper we see a telegram of the 17th ult. to the following effect:—The two new and powerful cruisers, the *Nishin* and *Kasuga*, built at Genoa for the Argentine Republic, and recently purchased by Japan, have been fully manned by Japanese officers and crews, and are now cruising in the Dutch Archipelago. It is stated that these cruisers—both very fast and powerful vessels—have been specially commissioned to watch for and cut off Russian transports belonging to what is known as the Russian Volunteer Fleet, several of which vessels are now on their way from Odessa to the Far East with troops and warlike stores. It is expected that both these cruisers will play an important part in hampering the Russian transport service.

The Russian battleship *Kniaz Potemkin Tavrishesky*, which was laid down more than six years ago at Nikolaieff, succeeded, just before the outbreak of war, in getting through her official trials satisfactorily, but beyond the bare statement that the designed horse-power (10,600) was considerably exceeded, no particulars as to speed, consumption of coal, &c., have been allowed to transpire. The length of time this has been under construction is equivalent to the loss of nearly one-third of her life of efficiency as against the average in the British construction of one-sixth or one-seventh. In our Navy, ships rarely attain to a "life of efficiency" of twenty years' duration, and such brevity of existence as efficient fighting machines and their ever-increasing cost render it desirable, not to say imperative, that the period under construction should be reduced by all possible means consistent with good and reliable workmanship. The same law obtains also in the Russian as in all other navies, and the Russian shipbuilders will have to shorten the time for construction if it is desired that that country should reap the fullest benefit of its outlay on its Navy. It is stated that the ship, machinery, armament, and in fact the whole of the fittings, are entirely the products of Russian workshops, and made of Russian materials.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon, on the Happy Valley, the Hongkong Football Club will play Gun Room Officers of the Fleet under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4.30. The following will play for the Club:—

W. A. Crake, full back; Lieut. W. M. Black, three-quarters; V. de Paris, and A. M. Embler, three-quarters; J. P. Jordan and A. N. Othor, halves; E. R. Hallifax, A. Boyd, S. O. Else, Lieut. Duncan, Lieut. Dumbell, Lieut. Rogers, Lieut. A. Schlenders, and H. F. Chard, forwards.

THE BANGKOK JEWELRY CASE.

In delivering judgment in this case, quashing the conviction of the lower court, as already reported in these columns, the Chief Justice remarked that it was clear that Mr. A. F. G. Tilleke intended to return the jewelry, while as for the Burmese clerk, Mong On, there was no evidence against him of criminal intention.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

JAPANESE ATTACK ON VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, 7th Mar., 10.55 a.m.

An official despatch to St. Petersburg

states that seven Japanese war vessels bombarded Vladivostock for the space of one hour on Sunday at long range. No damage was done.

CRICKET.

ENGLAND'S BAD POSITION

LONDON, 7th Mar., 10.55 a.m.

England's first innings closed for 61 runs against Australia's 247. Australia has made 13 for three wickets in the second innings. Hayward is down with tonsillitis and may not take any further part in the game.

COLLISION AT WOOSUNG.

P. & O. MAILBOAT DAMAGED.

SHANGHAI, 6th March, 9.40 p.m.

The river steamer *Chang On* was in collision to-day on Woosung Bar with the outgoing mail steamer *Ballaarat*, which has returned to Woosung with a hole in her forefoot. The *Chang On* had to be beached. No lives have been lost.

[The P. & O. agency have also received a telegram to the effect that their steamer *Ballaarat* has been in collision with the *s.s. Chang On*, the latter having to be beached. The *Ballaarat* was supposed to have come down with the mail this week, but, of course, now she will not be able to; the P. & O. *s.s. Coromandel* will take her place. The *s.s. Chang On* is a steel twin-screw steamer, registered under the name of R. W. Astill. She was built by Messrs. S. C. Farnham & Co., Shanghai, in 1890; and is a vessel of 1,393 registered tonnage; 212.36 ft. in length, 30 ft. beam, and 12 ft. draught. The P. & O. *s.s. Ballarat* is much a frequent visitor to Hongkong that it is not necessary to say much about her. She is a vessel of 4,890 gross tonnage; 5,000 h.p., and is running the P. & O. mail between Bombay and Shanghai, connecting with the Australian-Europe P. & O. mail steamer at Colombo.—ED. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, 5th March.

Admiral Virens's squadron sails from Port Said for Cadix to-day, and will remain about the Mediterranean, where the Baltic fleet will join it in June. The torpedo-boats, which are in a deplorable condition, remain at Port Said for repairs. The *Dmitri Donatov* is in a most pitiable condition, and the whole squadron shows a lack of efficiency.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Royal Engineers' Cup will be sailed for next Sunday, the 13th inst., starting from the line between the flag-boat and Kowloon Police Pier at 1.15 p.m. The course is as follows:—Mark-boat at Stonecutters' South Pier; Mark-boat off Green Island; Mark-boat off off Stonecutters' South Pier; Mark-boat off Green Island; and finish at Stonecutters' South Pier. All the marks, excepting the finish, are to port. Regarding handicap, *Vernon* and *Elephant* will allow Dione two minutes; *Alannah* five minutes; the One-Design Class 12 minutes; *Iris* 15; minutes; *Gloria* and *Chanticleer* 17 minutes; and *Doreen* 20 minutes.

ROYAL ARTILLERY SPORTS.

The Royal Artillery Regimental Sports will take place on the 30th and 31st inst. On the latter day Colonel F. E. Kent and the officers of the B.A. will be at home between 3 and 6 p.m. on the ground at Happy Valley. The events will include:—

One Mile Flat Race, Half-mile Flat Race (H.K. and S.B.R.G.A.), Long Jump, Putting the Weight, Half-mile Flat Race, Trampolines' Race, Tag-of-war (open), Hurdle Race, High Jump, 100 yards Flat Race, Wheel Race, Quarter-mile Flat Race, One Mile Flat Race (R.N. European garrison and Police), Quarter-mile Flat Race (R.N. European Garrison and Police), Officers' Race (open), Putting the Weight (H.K. and S.B.R.G.A.), Veterans' Race, Sergeant's Race, Four-legged Race, Hand Race, and Boys' and Girls' Race (R.G.A. only) intercession.

WAR NOTES.

NORTHERN TELEGRAMS.

The following are the principal telegrams in the latest Shanghai papers:—
 London, 21st February.—The Fund organised by Viscountess Hayashi, wife of the Japanese Minister in London, for the relief of Japanese sufferers from the war, has already reached the sum of two thousand four hundred pounds.—*Maniché*.

Berlin, 29th February.—The Japanese Korean treaty has been received here without opposition.—*O. Lloyd*.

Chefoo, 29th February.—The German papers report that the bodies of seven Japanese had been washed ashore, here is entirely unfounded.—*China Gazette*.

Tokyo, 2nd March.—An extraordinary Cabinet Council was held this afternoon at which the war taxes were discussed. Including the land, income, tobacco, and alkali taxes, a sum of between sixty and seventy million yen is expected to be raised. The Seoul-Wiju railway will be undertaken out of the extraordinary military funds.—*N.-C. D.N.*

Chefoo, 2nd March.—A Japanese man-of-war with three funnels is ashore in Prince Jerome Gulf, Corea. The Japanese are forwarding transports with troops and war materials from Chemulpo to Pingyang Inlet.—*O. Lloyd*.

Tokyo, 2nd March.—Two kilometres of the Harbin-Nikolsk railway, in the vicinity of Ninguta, have been destroyed, and the telegraphs to Vladivostock are interrupted. Five locomotives and cars fell into Lake Baikal on the 28th ult. Four officers and twenty-one men were killed outright.—*N.-C. D.N.*

Tokyo, March 2nd.—The fact that it now takes the Russian warships a couple of hours to navigate the channel leading to the harbour Port Arthur, and that the Russian authorities have been unable so far to refloat the five sunken Japanese transports, is accepted as strong proof that Admiral Togo's attempt to block the entrance was not altogether unsuccessful.—*China Gazette*.

Peking, 3rd March.—Several hundred Chinese coal-miners at Wushan near Hengchen have gone on strike against the Russians. A secret organisation composed of Polish Jews, refugees from Harbin, and fugitive convicts from Siberia is projecting a movement against the Russians. Its leader is energetically collecting twenty-five thousand foreign desperadoes and Chinese miners and bandits for this purpose.—*N.-C. D.N.*

OTHER ITEMS.

The *N.-C. Daily News* says that the Japanese are consolidating their position in Corea. Some time before the outbreak of hostilities they assumed the control of the Seoul-Pusan line, now rapidly nearing completion. Now it is announced that by an arrangement with Corea, the projected Seoul-Wiju line is also taken over and will be pushed to speedy completion by Japan.

The *Universal Gazette* states that, acting upon information given by the Japanese Minister in Peking that a certain foreign firm at Tientsin was preparing to send 7,000 bags of flour to Port Arthur, the Waiwun has advised Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai of the proposed breach of the neutrality laws with the request that steps be taken at once by his Excellency to put a stop to it.

It is stated that the Douglas *s.s. Haiman*, chartered for Press correspondence service in the north, has been chased by a Japanese cruiser. It is understood that strong exception is taken to the Marconi telegraphic apparatus which forms an interesting part of its equipment. The possession of the Marconi apparatus might enable them, purposely or otherwise, to interfere with the wireless messages dispatched by the Japanese admiral.

VIA MANILA.

Far Eastern Press Association telegrams to the Manila papers to the 27th ult. state that the Japanese were fiercely bombarding Port Arthur, and had almost destroyed the impenetrable Russian fortress, and also that the military were making hasty preparations to desert Port Arthur, while Japan was preparing to land a large force to take the town by assault.

The same Association's service states that Corea has despatched 17,000 troops to help the Japanese along the Yalu, and that Wiju was thrown open to the commerce of the world on the 26th ult.

THE HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

Parades will be held as follows:—
 Artillery Companies:—Head Quarters 5.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9th March, for Maxim Gun Drill. Sergt. Bartolome, R.G.A., will attend. Head Quarters 5.30 p.m. Friday, 11th March, for 15 Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend.

All Units:—Head Quarters 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, 8th March, for Infantry Drill. A Sergeant, 1st Sherwood Foresters, will attend—Khaki, white helmets with fittings, putties and side arms.

Kowloon Detachment:—Gun Club Hill 5.30 p.m. Tuesday, 8th March, for 15 Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. Sergt. Bartolome, R.G.A., will attend. Kowloon Docks 5.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9th March, for Infantry Drill. A Sergeant 1st Sherwood Foresters will attend.

Taikoo Detachment:—5.30 p.m. Wednesday, 9th March, for 15 Pr. B.L. Gun Drill. C.S.M. Whelan, R.G.A., will attend.

MISCELLANEOUS.
 R. W. Pearson joined on 12th February, J. T. Dixon joined on 2nd March. Gunner J. D. Dickie has been granted leave of absence for 9 months with effect from 25th March.

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NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents on THURSDAY, the 24th MARCH, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 11th to 24th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1904. [683]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

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"HAICHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 9th inst., at 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1904. [681]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, the 7th inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Hills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after Monday, the 14th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 14th inst., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on Monday, the 14th inst., at 3 P.M.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1903. [2]

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ENTERTAINMENTS

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AT CITY HALL.

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1904. [641]

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Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [605]

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CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton, 5th March.

VICE-ROY SHUM.

The Imperial Chinese Government having
given Viceroy Shum a further period of six
months for the entire suppression of the
Kwangsi rebellion, His Excellency is doing all
he can to raise money to buy ammunition, charter
ships, and send soldiers to Kwangsi; but for
the present he is not going himself. He will
see how things get on before he goes again.
He is completely recovered in health, and was
able to make official calls upon the Council in
Shanghai the other day. It is said that by his
order the Governor Aw Fung-si of Kwangsi is
imposing a poll tax upon the inhabitants of
Kwangsi of three cash per head, which is being
collected every day, his object being to
distinguish the good from the disorderly people.
Wuchow went on strike days ago; the Viceroy
sent up 5,000 soldiers to suppress the disorder.
If he continues in his present régime and
imposes a poll tax also in Kwangtung there
soon will be another rebellion.

HEAVY FINES.

All the gambling concerns and lottery mono-
polies are in trouble, having to pay heavy
squeezes to the high officials. Li Sai-kwai, the
late fan-tan monopolist, who is accused of the
embezzlement of the fan-tan revenue, and of
bribing the clerks at the last examination to
suppress the names of the successful candidates,
is forced to pay 500,000 taels. He has consented
to pay 400,000, and the difference will be made
up by his friends. The late Magistrate Pin
King-fok, who is accused of malfeasance in
office, is fined 120,000 taels and is to be released
on payment of it, and several other officials are
also requisitioned to pay. Since the Viceroy
has come to Canton he has degraded over
seventy officials. The military who are deprived
of their customary squeezes from the gambling
houses are very much dissatisfied.

The official seals will be taken down on the
21st of the Chinese (being the 7th inst.) when the
Nanhai magistrate Yaw will be transferred on
account of his incapacity, and a new one
from the North will take his place.

[FROM THE "CHUNG NGOI SAN PO."]

On account of the rebellion and famine in
Kwangsi an enormous sum has been spent to
restore peace and relieve the sufferers. In fact
nearly all the money was drawn from the pro-
vinces of Kwangtung, either by subscription,
or from the Kwangtung Treasury, which has
been consequently quite exhausted. The re-
venue of Kwangsi itself was nil last year.
Though the famine has now disappeared rebellion
has not been completely suppressed. As pecuni-
ary assistance is still greatly required to defray
the heavy expenses of keeping a large army for
the protection of the place, and where order has
been restored to prevent requisitions by the
rebels, Governor Aw of Kwangsi determined to
impose a poll tax of three cash per day, and to
increase the *lekin* taxes. The latter has been
met with strong opposition from all classes of
merchants, who have been already heavily taxed,
and moreover have met with very hard times.
As it was in vain to reason with the governor,
the merchants have determined to go on strike.
This, it is said, started in Wuchow on the 25th
inst. Many letters have been received from
parts of Kwangsi by the Kwangtung merchants,
telling them to stop sending goods thither.

H.E. Shum intends to proceed to Kwangsi
again to root out the rebellion, for since his
return to Kwangtung the rebels who took
refuge in the mountain fastnesses have again
made their appearance in many districts, the
officials of which are too weak to cope with
them. Many telegrams have been received in
Kwangtung for reinforcements. His Excel-
lency has given an order to the local magis-
trates to make every preparation and to hire boats
in readiness to convey him and the soldiers thither.

On the 1st and 2nd instant two or three
garrisons were embarked for Wuchow under
the command of military officers named Chin
and Cheng, and His Excellency will go shortly
too. Some of the officials and gentry have
entreated Shum not to leave Canton. They say
that if he goes away Canton will be in a critical
condition, rumours being constantly current that
plots have been planned to seize the city.

Work on the Canton and Hankow railway is
speedily progressing. Rails have been laid as
far as Chai-pu, and the road between Samui
and Fatahan has been satisfactorily prepared.
The Shek-wai-tong branch has also been
constructed. On the 13th ult. the railway
engineers started to make a survey of the roads
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purpose of constructing another branch to
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HONGKONG POLICE REPORT.

The report of Capt. F. W. Lyons, Acting
Captain Superintendent of Police, for the year
1903 is published in the *Gazette* . We make the
following extracts:—

The total of all cases reported was 11,251, as
against 10,421 in 1902, being an increase of
830, 7.96 per cent. In the division of these
cases into serious and minor offences, there
appears an increase, as compared with 1902, of
83 cases, or 21.53 per cent. in the former, and
a decrease of 33 cases, or 51 per cent. in the
latter. The increase was chiefly in respect of
larceny. Larcenies by servants were numerous.
In some of the more serious cases the police
were successful in tracing the thieves and
recovering most of the property stolen. The
value of the property reported stolen during
the year was \$228,081.37, as against the value
of the property recovered by the police and returned
to owners was \$28,941.16. In some of the more
serious cases the police were successful in
tracing the thieves and recovering most of the
property stolen; it would greatly assist the
police in such cases if it were customary for
persons when engaging servants to obtain their
photographs and their names, parents' names,
and addresses in Chinese characters—60 gam-
bling warrants were executed—One thousand
six hundred and twenty-three search warrants
for prepared opium were executed by the police
and excise officers of the Opium Farmer. In
611 cases opium was found, and 706 persons
were arrested.

Contraband.—The number of reports against
Europeans was 107, as against 87 in 1902; of
these, 25 were for drunkenness, as against 23
in the previous year; 5 for sleeping on duty as
against 2; 7 for disorderly conduct and fighting;
and 1 for sitting down on duty, as against 3 and
2 respectively; and 14 for neglect of duty as
against 4 last year. The conduct of the con-
tingent was on the whole good, only 4 men had
more than 3 reports against them, and 72 men
had none. There were 463 reports against men
for last year. For drunkenness there were 42,
against 24 in 1902; 21 for disorderly conduct,
against 22; 43 for neglect of duty, against 37;
79 for sleeping on duty, against 44; 105 for
sitting on duty, against 72; and 22 for sleep-
ing on duty, against 23 in the previous year.
The conduct of the contingent was
satisfactory, as a large number of the reports
were for trivial offences, and 188 men had no
reports against them. The Chinese con-
tingent is responsible for 835 reports, against
960 in 1902 (which included Water police).
There were no reports for drunkenness; 113
for sleeping on duty, as against 111; 18 for
disorderly conduct, as against 35; and 334 for
absence from station, duty and parades, against
372 in 1902. The conduct of the contingent
may be considered fair, as 116 men had no
reports against them, 59 men had only 1 each,
and a number of the offences were trivial.
Larceny.—One investigator was awarded a good
conduct medal for good work done during the
epidemic of plague. One inspector, two Indian
sergeants, two Chinese serjeants, and one
Chinese constable were granted good conduct
medals for long and faithful service, and two
Chinese constables for good work done in the
New Territory. One Chinese sergeant and two
constables were granted rewards for energy
and zeal in making arrests of robbers and
thieves, and one Chinese constable for prompt
action in the arson case of No. 205 Queen's
Road Central.

THE NEW TERRITORY.

Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Acting Deputy Super-
intendent, reported that during the year there
were 14 Europeans, 96 Indians, and 43 Chinese
with 10 boatsmen stationed in the New Territory
on land, up to September; after September the
number of Indians was reduced to 20, while
another crew of five boatsmen was added. The
increase in the gang robberies from 11 in 1902
to 18 in 1903 was not due to general lawless
ness, but was the work especially of two vicious
gangs; most of the members of both have been
arrested and convicted. The last two months
of the year showed an immediate improvement
in consequence.

EDUCATION.

Mr. A. W. Grant, assistant-in-charge of the
Police School, reported that during the year the
school was open on 98 days, with a total
attendance of 4,230, giving a daily average
attendance of 43.2. As in former years, two
examinations for European police constables
were held. At one 10 men presented them-
selves and 8 passed, and at the other 7 men
presented themselves and 4 passed. The total
number of men on the Roll during 1903 was
377, made up as follows:—European Police
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Cool Staff, 61; Chinese Police Constables, 137;
Garden Boys, 3.

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